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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8384  
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TAGS: PINS, PDIP, ASEC, DJ, ET, FR  
SUBJ: SURPRISING PUBLICITY TO FRENCH KIDNAPPING CASE  
REF: ADDIS ABABA 2139

1. GOVT OWNED AND CONTROLLED ETHIOPIAN HERALD OF MAY 13,  
USUALLY DEVOID OF ANY REAL NEWS, CARRIES STORY OF BOUCAULT'S  
KIDNAPPING AND QUOTES A RELIABLE SOURCE AS DISCLOSING HIS  
PRESENCE IN ETHIOPIAN TERRITORY. STORY SAYS PMGSE IS  
MAKING A MAJOR EFFORT FOR THE REALESE OF THE KIDNAPPED  
FRENCH NATIONAL AND ALSO MENTIONS THAT FORMER DJIBOUTI  
PRIME MINISTER AHMED DINI, CURRENTLY ON A "WORKING VISIT"  
TO ADDIS, IS ALSO TRYING TO CONVINCE U.N.I. YOUTH WING  
KIDNAPPERS TO RELEASE HIM.

2. SOURCE QUOTED KIDNAPPERS AS DENOUCING "BLIND NATIONALIST POLITICAL  
POLICY" BEING PURSUED BY GOULED THAT HAS PLACED "UNBEARABLE  
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YOKE OF OPPRESSION ON PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY THOSE BELONGING  
TO AFAR NATIONALITY." ABDUCTORS WERE FURTHER QUOTED AS  
HOLDING FRANCE RESPONSIBLE FOR PREVAILING POLITICAL PRO-  
BLEM IN DJIBOUTI BECAUSE IT PROPPED UP GOULED GOVERNMENT.

3. KIDNAPPERS HAVE, ACCORDING TO HERALD ARTICLE, SET FOL-  
LOWING CONDITION FOR BOUCAULT'S RELEASE: (1) GRANTING OF

DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS TO PEOPLE OF DJIBOUTI, (2) IMMEDIATE  
RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS, (3) ASSURANCES OF EQUAL  
RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS AMONG NATIONALITIES, AND (4) IMMEDI-  
ATE SETTING UP OF CONSTITUTIONAL DRAFTING COMMITTEE IN  
WHICH ALL POLITICAL PARTIES PARTICIPATE.

4. NEWS STORY ON SUCH SENSITIVE ISSUE IS OUT OF CHARACTER  
HERE AND, THEREFORE, MUST REFLECT PMGSE POLITICAL DECISION.  
BALANCED STORY WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE GOVT DESIRES TO SHOW  
RESPONSIVENESS TO FRENCH BUT AT SAME TIME GIVE CERTAIN LEGIT-  
IMACY TO ANTI-COULED EFFORTS OF ABDUCTORS. ADMISSION OF  
DINI'S EFFORTS WOULD SEEM TO CONTRADICT FRENCH EMBASSY/  
ADDIS' BELIEF THAT PMGSE IS OPPOSED TO OUTSIDE INTERVENTION  
OF ANY KIND (REFTEL).  
HOWEVER, WE HAVE NOT HAD FURTHER CONTACT WITH FRENCH  
EMBASSY ON SUBJECT.  
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